

**Letters to Santa from area third graders can be seen in Section B of this week's edition of The Sun**

### Jabberwock contestants needed for program

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is sponsoring its Jabberwock Program. Betty Evans Page, chairperson, said girls between the ages of 4 and 18 can compete for the titles of Little Miss Jabberwock, Junior Miss Jabberwock and Miss Jabberwock.

The winners will be those raising the most money to help support the sorority's other projects in the community. The contestants also receive prizes and awards and are invited to participate in cultural and educational activities.

Girls interested in participating can call Betty Page at 996-2338 or President Mary Rainey at 996-9592.

Children can visit Santa at Barnett Bank. Glades children can visit with Santa today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnett Bank's Belle Glade Office, 915 South Main Street.

**Lights on for Life**  
Friday, Dec. 20 has been designated...nationwide...as "Lights On For Life" day. The Glades Central High School Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Club is asking everyone to drive with their headlights on this Friday in remembrance of those who have been killed or injured by impaired drivers.

They say "We wish you all a safe and sober holiday!"

**Volunteer Fire Dept. hosting golf tournament**  
Dust off those golf clubs! The Belle Glade Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its Third Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament is to be held at the City of Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Proceeds from this tournament are to be used for the purchase of equipment (new fire gear, equipment, pagers, etc.)

Businesses can sponsor a hole for a contribution of \$100 per hole and golfers can play for \$35 per person for golf club members and \$40 for non-members. The entry fee includes a cart and green fees, beverages on the course and a barbecue.

First place team will receive \$80 gift certificates, per player. Second place team will win \$60 gift certificates and third place team, \$40 gift certificates per player.

To register in advance call Lori Crawford at 996-2032.

**Grief support offered**  
The Belle Glade Hospice is offering a support group for those who have lost someone they love. If you are having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in your life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, Hospice staff asks that you consider attending this group.

The first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Belle Glade Hospice Office, 25 S.E. Avenue E, next door to Lake Pharmacy.

For further information call 996-1285.

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IT'S ALL RIGHT...Glades Day School Assistant Coach Israel Baez gives Senior Heath Norman a consoling hug after the Gators' state playoff loss to North Florida Christian

Photo by Karen Hansford



YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT...and no, it's not Santa, it's Darren Read, traffic patrol officer for the City of Belle Glade. He'll be passing out tickets, not gifts, if he catches you speeding or driving under the influence during the holidays.

### Towell Distributors' license pulled by U.S. Department of Agriculture

George Towell Distributors, Inc. of 1131 NW 9th Street, Belle Glade has been barred by the USDA from selling produce until they repay money owed to Clewiston-based J & J Ag Products, Inc.

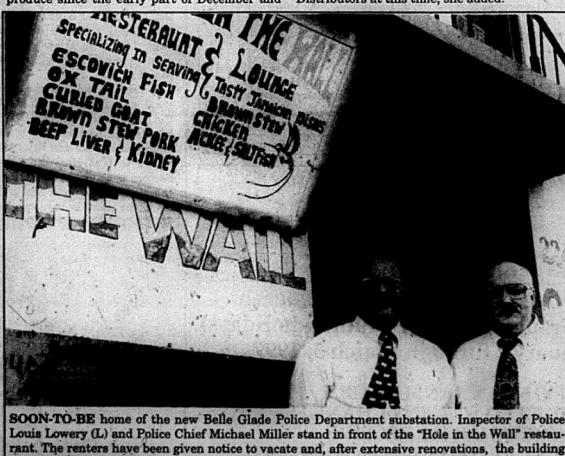
Carol Blake, information staffer for USDA, said Mr. Towell bought produce from J & J Ag Products, Inc. and has failed to pay that company \$27,806.

Mr. Towell said he has not been able to sell produce since the early part of December and

does not know when he will be able to repay the money.

"That's just a drop in the bucket of what I owe," he admitted.

J & J Ag Products filed a complaint with USDA through the PACA (Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act), earlier this year. PACA protects shippers and farmers so they will get paid for their products, said Ms. Blake. No other companies have filed a claim against Towell Distributors at this time, she added.



SOON-TO-BE home of the new Belle Glade Police Department substation. Inspector of Police Louis Lowery (L) and Police Chief Michael Miller stand in front of the "Hole in the Wall" restaurant. The renters have been given notice to vacate and, after extensive renovations, the building will be the home of used as a police substation.

**"If history repeats itself, we'll be back"** GDS Head Coach, Mandy Perez

Commentary by Stephanie Schneider  
Staff Writer

Glades Day's Gators, the dream team from the Glades, was unsuccessful in their bid for a fifth state title last Saturday in Daytona Beach.

The State Championship is a game where many think that one team walks away winners and the other team just walks away. Despite the Gators' 34-7 loss to North Florida Christian, the Gators have every reason to hold their heads high and walk away a winning team.

Glades Day has one of the most impressive records in Class 2A Florida football. The Fighting Gators have been to the State Championship game eleven times. The Gators own four State titles, including the 1995 title in which they triumphed over NFC to win.

These accomplishments far surpass any other school in any other division in the state. This is the type of quality athletic program that coaches and teams all over the state admire, respect, and fear.

The Gators worked hard to stop the unstoppable Tony Milton in Saturday's game, but Milton rushed for a record 271 yards on 22 carries, dashing the Gator's hopes for a repeat victory.

On top of NFC's superstar offensive leader, Milton, their defense was all over the Gators' leading rusher Lee Sweet, who only gained 107 yards in the last game of his high school career. Sweet entered the game with over 2,000 yards to his credit.

It's doubtful that any of this mattered to those young men who accepted runner-up medals in place of a championship trophy but to the people of the Glades, it means everything. The 1996 Glades Day Gator football team is part of a long line of winners that make its football records as rich as the much they play their beloved game on.

Head Coach Mandy Perez summed it all up by saying, "We were only expected to place third in our district and we placed second in the state. We accomplished a lot as a team and if history repeats itself, we'll be back."

### Don't say you weren't warned...

**Police say they'll have zero tolerance for speeders, DUI, during the holidays**

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Don't be surprised if you see more people pulled over by traffic cops during the holidays.

Another issue Chief Miller notes is the discharging of firearms during New Years.

"It's illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits and we will have increased patrols and will arrest anyone we catch and prosecute them to the full extent of the law," says Miller. The weapon will also be confiscated.

Gunfire has been a problem in the past, causing damage to roofs and cars. Two years ago an officer was struck in the head by a descending bullet. The bullet didn't penetrate the scalp, but Miller says this is just one example of the danger of discharging guns into the air.

**Southwest section of Belle Glade to get a police substation**

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

A high crime area in the city will now have a stronger police presence. A new police substation will open in the southwest section of Belle Glade in 1997.

It has been in the planning for two years, says Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller. The substation will be at the corner of Southwest B Place and Fifth Street, an area police say is a drug infested area. Currently, the building houses a restaurant called "Hole in the Wall."

"Unless there's a strong police presence in that area, the community can't feel safe," said Miller.

Homer and Dolly Hand of Belle Glade donated the property to the city and the city commission has been asked to come up with \$50,000 for renovations and equipment for the new substation.

The station will operate 12 hours a day in a fluctuating

much to drink and don't have a ride home, call us or have someone call, and we'll take you home," he said.

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Officers assigned to the Community Policing program will man the substation for the most part, says Chief Miller. "We'll be working with the young and citizens in the area to reduce crime, increase cooperation and communication between the citizens and the police. We hope to use non-traditional policing strategies to improve the quality of life in the area."

Already, Miller says, there have been several clean up efforts in the area and quite a few buildings are scheduled for demolition. "The People Who Care group from Mt. Zion AME Church have been very supportive," said Chief Miller.

Last month, the city commission authorized several high intensity street lights in the area.

# Give the Gift of Literacy this Season

by Yvonne Jones

More than 70,000 Palm Beach County adults are functionally illiterate. One out of every eight drivers in Palm Beach County cannot read road signs. (Their driver's exams were read to them.) Eighty-five percent of juvenile offenders are illiterate. Sixty-five percent of U.S. prison inmates cannot read. Twenty percent of American women are functionally illiterate.

Do these statistics shock and surprise you? Are you appalled? Do you wonder what you, one person, could possibly do to change these numbers?

At an Open House recently held at the Belle Glade Branch Library to kickoff the Glades

Literacy Program sponsored by The Friends of Literacy, Inc., this reporter found out.

By joining Friends of Literacy, you could actually make a difference. You can make tax-free, deductible contributions that help in obtaining supplies, etc. You can become a literacy tutor and teach an adult to read. Tutors say that tutoring is a wonderful experience. You are able to actually see the difference you, one person, can make in someone's life.

You and your student make your own schedule based on both your needs. Many tutors and their students become friends for years to come. Tutoring is ideal for college students and adults.

students and retirees.

The Glades Literacy Program was recently re-funded through a combination of funds. The new Literacy Specialist is Pat Rogan. She is available at the Belle Glade Branch Library five days a week with a flexible schedule. She can assist you in making a contribution, becoming a tutor, or if you know someone who is illiterate, she can help get them started with a tutor.

If you are interested in joining The Friends of Literacy, Inc., you may contact Ms. Rogan at 561-996-3453 or write: Friends of Literacy, Inc., 7950 Central Industrial Drive, Suite 104-Library Annex, Riviera Beach, FL 33404-3439.

## Happy Holidays from The Sun



### TAX SAVINGS

**GARY R. NIKOLITS, CFA, PROPERTY APPRAISER**

**Filing Deadline for 1997 Tax Saving Exemptions  
Ends March 3rd, 1997**

#### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION \$25,000

In order to qualify for this exemption you must:

- Hold title to the property as of January 1, 1997 • Reside on the property as of January 1, 1997 •
- Be a permanent resident of the State of Florida as of January 1, 1997 •

When you apply for the exemption, please bring with you the following:

1. Evidence of ownership (recorded deed, tax bill, or other.)
2. Social Security Number.
3. Permanent residency proof (Alien Registration Card), if not a U.S. citizen.

In addition, please bring the following items issued prior to January 1, 1997, which apply to you:

1. Florida driver's license.
2. Florida vehicle registration.
3. Florida voter's registration.
4. Declaration of Domicile.
5. Death certificate, if applicable, for widow(er)'s exemption.
6. If property is held in trust, provide a copy of the trust agreement or Trust Affidavit.

To file your application you must appear personally at one of the County Property Appraiser's Offices or at one of the scheduled locations shown below.

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#### MARCH 3RD IS THE FINAL DAY TO FILE FOR THESE TAX SAVINGS • FILE ON TIME •

OUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THESE LOCATIONS FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

AREA	DATES	LOCATION	AREA	DATES	LOCATION
Tequesta	January 2	Village Hall 357 Tequesta Drive	Lake Worth	January 2 & 3	City Hall Annex, 414 Lake Avenue
Jupiter	January 8 & 9	Town of Jupiter 210 Military Trail S. of Indiana Park Rd.	Boynton Beach	January 6 & 7	City Hall, 100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.
Fire Station #14	January 10	West Jupiter on Jupiter Farms Road	Delray Beach	January 13, 14 & 15	100 NW 1st Avenue, City Hall
Golden Lakes	January 14	1700 Golden Lakes Blvd. West Palm Bch.	Highland Beach	January 22	Town Hall, 3614 South Ocean Blvd.
Fire Station #23	January 15 & 16	5471 Okeechobee Blvd., next to Century Village	P.B. Leisureville	January 23	1007 Ocean Drive, Boynton Beach
*Century Village/WPB	January 22 & 23	Hastings Club House, West Palm Beach	Fire Station #42	January 27	14226 Hagen Ranch Rd. N. of Atlantic
Greencroft	January 27, 28 & 29	City Hall 5985 10th Ave. N.	*Kings Point	January 28, 29 & 30	Main Clubhouse
* Residents Only			Boca Raton	February 4, 5 & 6	City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Rd.
* Residents Only			*Century Village/Boca	February 10 & 11	Main Clubhouse, Boca Raton - Lyons Rd
* Residents Only			Boynton Beach Mall	January 8 & 21 / February 3 & 18	

#### THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU:

1. Widow and Widower Exemptions
2. Disabled Veteran's Exemption
3. Non-Veteran Total Disability Exemption

#### OTHER TAX SAVINGS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR:

1. Agricultural (Greenbelt) Classification
2. Not-for-Profit Exemption
3. Tangible Personal Property Exemptions

Please call or visit the office nearest you for further information.

The Main Office at 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach will be open at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) for filing exemptions from January 2 through March 3, 1997

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE...** Shown from left to right are: Sidney Wettstein, Friends of Literacy, Al Liberman, Friends of Literacy, Phyllis Lilley, Belle Glade Branch Library Manager, Kathleen Murphy, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Barbara Liberman, Friends of Literacy, Patricia Rogan, Literacy Specialist, and Robert Gibbons, Literacy Tutor and Total Recovery.

## Christmas Gifts for Weather Buffs

by Mike Lyons

I'm running out of time. There are only a few more shopping days until Christmas and I still haven't found the perfect gift for my wife.

For me, this is nothing new. It is a problem I deal with every holiday season. After eleven years of marriage, it is still a challenge to find just the right Christmas present for my wife.

Now, picking out a gift for my daughter is much easier. She certainly helps matters by presenting me with a detailed wish list in early August. A list that includes the manufacturers suggested retail price and the nearest store location. The young lady is organized!

I'm pretty easy to shop for, too. All my family needs is the annual Wind and Weather Holiday Catalogue.

This catalogue is a weather fan's dream come true. Just about anything to do with the weather, from thermometers to barometers to sundials to weathervanes, can be found in this 40 page treasure.

If you live with someone fascinated with the weather, the kind of person who can watch The Weather Channel for hours without dozing off, this catalogue is for you. Allow me to make a few recommendations.

First, for the serious weather nerd, some serious weather equipment: the Weather Wizard III weather station by Davis. For \$195, your weather fan will be able to monitor the temperature, both indoor and outdoor, the wind speed and direction and, on those chilly January mornings, the wind chill.

The Weather Wizard keeps track of the weather, too. It will record the high and low temperature as well as the peak wind speed. For an extra \$75, you can add a rain collector. For another \$165, you can purchase a software package that lets you display the weather data on your personal computer.

A weather radio is always a great gift. It's all weather, all the time, a radio version of The Weather Channel. For \$65, your weather fan can listen for hours to National Weather Service broadcasts of weather conditions, local forecasts and, when the weather turns nasty,



**Mike Lyons**

the latest severe storm bulletins.

Sometimes our summertime thunderstorms can be pretty scary. If you get stressed out from what goes boom in the night, let me suggest the Tornado Lamp. Described as "visually soothing", the Tornado Lamp will, according to the catalogue, "provide hours of delightful, distracting diversion." For \$45, you can watch whirling beads form a multi-colored vortex while you relax.

Who says you can't do anything about the weather? How about wearing it? For \$66, you can buy the weather tie. Designed by a meteorologist and hand painted by artist Joanna Ciecholowski, this weather tie displays tornados and hurricanes.

There are hundreds of other gift ideas including the Illuminated Umbrella. It looks and acts like an ordinary umbrella, except this one stands out on a rainy night. Thanks to three batteries, the acrylic shaft lights up in white, red or green. It costs \$32.

The catalogue has a variety of books, posters and calendars, too. One of my favorites is the MoonShine Calendar. No, it doesn't tell you the best time to brew some homemade booze, but it does display the phases and times of the moon throughout the year on reflective film. Each crescent, quarter and full moon is a miniature mirror creating a dazzling show of light. It's only \$16.95.

There are lots of other items to choose from but I'm afraid I don't have time to tell you about all of them. As I said earlier, I'm running out of time. The Wind and Weather catalogue can be ordered by calling 1-800-922-9463.



**He's coming !!**

# YOUR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

## Diabetic Foot Disease: What Is It?

News USA

(NU) - An estimated 54,000 lower extremity amputations take place each year among people with diabetes. Many could be prevented by good personal management of diet, hygiene, exercise and foot care.

Foot problems are the cause of 20 percent of diabetic hospitalizations, many of which end in amputations. The trauma of amputation is particularly debilitating, often ending working careers, and restricting social life and independence.

Repeated stress in confining footwear can lead to degeneration of the skin barrier which, once ignored or unrecognized, can encourage the progression of ulceration, infection, gangrene and amputation.

Ulceration is a common occurrence of the diabetic foot. Ulcers generally occur on the plantar surface of the foot, in the areas of greatest pressure, such as the walking surface and the foot.

Poorly fitted shoes, or something as seemingly trivial as a stitched seam in a shoe or sock, can create a wound which can become infected.

Regular visits to a doctor of podiatric medicine can help provide early recognition and treatment of diabetic foot disease.

For information on proper foot care for people with diabetes or other foot-care questions, call the American Podiatric Medical Association at 1-800-FOOTCARE (1-800-366-8227).

## New Programs Fight Teen Drinking

(NU) - Concern for the growth of underage drinking in America has spawned a new focus on teens and the formation of several youth programs by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Born out of MADD's Commission on Youth report released earlier this year, the new youth programs are designed to address the social, legal and educational needs that contribute to underage drinking through school and community involvement.

Among the new programs, "Take the Lead," a multi-media presentation for schools, will arm young people with the information they need to battle underage drinking, and drink responsibly.

Another program, MADD's National Youth Summit, will unite 435 young people with policy and decision-makers in Washington, D.C., this spring to discuss ways in which underage drinking and impaired driving can be stopped.

The central message in all the programs is that drinking alcohol is not a rite of passage for teens, but could instead be a passage to disabling injuries and death for them and thousands of their peers.

Alcohol is the most common used drug among young people in America.

The goal of MADD's new initiatives is to reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities among young people by 25 percent by the year 2001.

## 'Nit Picking' Can Be Made Less Tedious

News USA

(NU) - What's the most common infectious childhood malady besides colds? If the word "lice" popped into your head, you're right.

About 6 million children are infected in the United States every year. And the tiny insects aren't the only problem. It's the "nit picking" that usually defeats parents and kids alike.

A female louse can lay 150 eggs — or more — in a month. The nits stick to the hair shaft like insect equivalents of epoxy, making removal difficult and even painful.

But most children can't return to school until the nits are gone. And getting rid of them also serves as an important marker. With no lice eggs in sight, you may finally assume you've ended the infestation.

How do you nixpick painlessly? Today, products are available to help with egg removal. One, Clear Lice Egg Remover, is a new naturally derived enzyme product that loosens nit in about three minutes.

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The product is as safe to use as soap and water and contains no toxic ingredients.

It's available in a full-color brochure. For a copy of a full-color brochure from Care Technologies with tips on fighting lice, call 1-800-783-1919.

## Skin, Eye Care Products Ward Off Winter's Harsh Realities

News USA

(NU) - Whether you're dreading the long, cold winter months ahead or celebrating the beginning of ski season, frosty weather brings with it a number of health risks.

If you aren't careful, time spent outdoors can result in serious damage to your skin and eyes from both wind and sun. But when you retreat indoors, cold relief is just a flick of the switch.

Fortunately, preparation and a few simple precautions can help you avoid these pitfalls and enjoy Jack Frost's stay.

"Insulating your skin against dry, damaging air means applying protective layers plus taking some simple steps to keep skin soft and supple," says Jane Martin-Wood, founder of The International Dermal Institute, the leading postgraduate training facility for skin and body care therapists.

She suggests that, despite the chill, you refrain from taking hot showers, which can strip skin of its moisture.

To keep skin hydrated, apply hydrating cream to the face, particularly on the areas prone to drying, or try Dermatalogics Body Hydrating Cream with hydroxy acids to make skin supple. (To find Dermatalogics products in your area, call 1-800-831-5150.)

Because of frequent exposure to the cold air, hands are usually the first to feel the effects of the elements, becoming painfully dry, chafed and cracked. Dry skin also can be caused by indoor heating and frequent hand washing, a must during the winter "indoor germ" season since everything you touch can spread germs to your hands, making you more susceptible to illness.

To keep hands soft, healthy-looking and germ-free, dermatologists recommend vitamin E-enriched Keri Anti-Bacterial Hand Lotion. In addition to its moisturizing ingredients, it contains triclosan, which kills germs for up to 12 hours. Apply it every time you wash your hands to help prevent the spread of germs and keep your hands soft and smooth.

UV exposure during winter months can be deceiving. Strong sunlight dissipates, but cloud cover and fallen snow increase reflected UV rays up to 85 percent and a painful winter sunburn can result. To protect your face, wear a wide-brimmed sunhat using a sunblock with an SPF of at least 15 for maximum protection from reflected and direct UV rays.

Ultra-violet rays can be damaging to the eyes as well as the skin. The eyes are particularly sensitive to UV damage because, unlike skin, the eye does not regenerate themselves. So you should always wear sunglasses or goggles when you're outside, and make sure that they block both UVA and UVB rays. If you wear contact lenses, you're in luck. Ask your eye care professional about Precision UV lenses from Wesley-Jessen, the only soft disposable contact lens that offers 90 percent of harmful UV rays.

Whether you're on the slopes, shoveling off your driveway or bundled up in front of the television, remember to take the appropriate precautions to protect your entire body from the cold, dry air, wind, sun and germs as well.

## Pointers For Parents

### "Forget the ouch, Not the shot!"

(NAPS) - Tetanus shots are one of the most important immunizations children and adults can obtain. They protect you from tetanus, or "lockjaw," a serious and potentially fatal disease.

Tetanus is caused by a toxin, the spores of which are found in soil and animal feces.

Symptoms of the disease include severe muscle spasms and convulsions as well as difficulty in swallowing, limb stiffness, fever, headache and sore throat.

To prevent tetanus shots should be given every 10 years. If you have not had a tetanus shot in 10 years, you should get one now. If you have not had a tetanus shot in 10 years, you should get one now.

The vaccination in conjunction with the diphtheria and pertussis vaccines, known as DTP.

But adults should also receive vaccinations as well, every 10 years. If it's been longer than 10 years since your last tetanus shot, call your doctor today to schedule an appointment. And don't forget, if the pain that accompanies the shot is worrisome, ask for EMLA: a prescription antibiotic cream that numbs the skin. Apply it 1-2 hours before the shot. EMLA numbs the skin, reducing the pain and making your experience more comfortable. Your child can have EMLA as well — and both of you can benefit from obtaining an important vaccine while forgetting the "ouch" of the needle.

Shriners' Volunteer Drivers Are All Heart

(NU) - Cody, a young boy living in eastern Kansas, has cerebral palsy. He also has some very special friends.

Cody needs regular visits to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Philadelphia to treat his scoliosis and other orthopaedic problems associated with cerebral palsy. When Cody needs to travel, his special friends happily take on the task — transporting Cody and his mother to the hospital.

Al Larson and T.J. Dickerson, Cody's special friends, are volunteers with the Shriners' Mirza Temple.

They have logged more than 28,000 miles in 15 years of transporting patients to Shriners Hospitals for treatment.

They have become so vital to Cody's life that he once refused to receive a shot at 2 until Larson arrived in the room.

The Shriners' special friends of Larson, Dickerson and thousands of Shriners like them, hundreds of thousands of children have a chance at a better life.

For more information about Shriners Hospitals, call 1-800-237-5055.

## Why Not Give Gift of Life — Blood

(NU) - During the holiday season we give special gifts to the people we care most about. But we may forget about the most precious gifts that they — or we — may ever need: the gift of blood.

Blood cannot be purchased at the mall or ordered from a catalog. Yet hospitals must have enough "blood in stock" to meet the needs of their patients every day of the year.

Yet blood is often in short supply during and following the holidays. People don't realize how important it is to donate between mid-November and the end of January. It is a busy time, but it only takes an hour to give a gift that can save lives.

Consider starting a new holiday tradition with your family and friends.

this year. Give blood together. Perhaps you can make it a New Year's resolution.

To schedule a convenient appointment to donate blood through the American Red Cross, call 1-800-448-3543. You must be at least 17 years old, in good health and weigh over 110 pounds to qualify as a donor.

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**Lights are great**

"My family and I have recently moved here from Pennsylvania. We are enjoying the weather and the lake with the great fishing and the friendly people of Belle Glade."

I've been driving by the Christmas display in front of the Belle Glade Library during the evening and I just wanted to tell whoever does

it that it is really pretty.

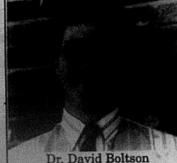
It's nice when in a town this size you can see such holiday spirit. My kids love it and it always brightens the evening when we pass by.

We just wanted to say 'thank you' and tell you that for transplants this helps us to not feel so far from home.

Thanks again."

**Ask Dr. Boltson**

**Dr. David Boltson** is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Lake Worth and Director of the Positively Speaking Counseling and Planning Center in Belle Glade.



**Holiday Fear**

As Christmas and New Year's approach, many look forward to spiritually enriching moments with family and friends. When another rewarding year has passed, it can be wonderful to reflect back with loved ones, and look forward with excitement to greater blessings ahead.

Unfortunately, the rosy scene just described will not be experienced by many. It is quite typical for people to become depressed and filled with dread during the holiday season. Whether you are single, married, or divorced; real life for many does not often measure up to the ideal Christmas experienced by Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life." Most folks are not fortunate enough to have a whole town publicly praise their worthiness as human beings. There are many people living alone who either don't have living family members, or won't see family members over the holidays. They will get validation from no one.

The holiday season can actually bring a sense of dread for lonely people. The perfect Christmases that are ubiquitous throughout the entertainment media, are just entertainment - they are not reality for most folks. People fear they will have lonely unrewarding holidays, and their fears often come true.

So what can you do to avoid or minimize holiday fear?

1. Be realistic. Notwithstanding TV movies, there is no reason to expect your life to be any better (or worse) just because it is the end of December. Don't set yourself up for disappointment with exaggerated or unrealistic expectations for holiday bliss.

2. Involve yourself socially whenever you can. Attend church or temple. Go to holiday events at work or in the community. Join a hobby or social club. Take adult education classes.

3. If you are disappointed with aspects of your life, don't wallow in self-pity. The process of identifying problem areas can be used as a catalyst for change. Set realistic goals and develop a plan for improving your life. That is, come up with a detailed work plan for implementing your New Years' resolutions. Write down your change plan. Discuss it with others. The more effort you put into spelling out ways of achieving your goals, the more likely you are to follow through with change.

4. Be easy on yourself. If you haven't made numerous mistakes throughout your life, you haven't been alive. As has been said, "to err is human..." You may not be a Ghandi or Mother Teresa, but you ain't Hitler, either. Admit your good points to yourself as easily as you are willing to acknowledge your bad ones.

5. Exercise - It is good for the mind, body and soul.

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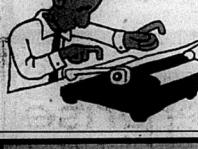
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**Don't let crime ruin your holidays**

**The Florida Sheriffs Association of Tallahassee offers the following safety and crime prevention tips during the holiday season.**

The shopping, gift-wrapped packages, the travel and parties. Even criminals look forward to the holidays because it provides them with opportunities to take advantage of you!

Criminals realize that the spirit of the holidays often distracts people - making them prime targets for burglars, muggers, and pickpockets. Crooks know that the holidays are an opportunity time to commit their crimes.

To keep you and your family safe during the holidays, we've surveyed Florida's Sheriffs in an effort to collect the best crime-prevention tips to practice during the holidays. Celebrate safety this season by following these tips at home, while shopping and when you're out for the evening:

**Secure your home:**

• To deter burglars who might be tempted by a Christmas tree decorated with glittering gifts, make sure that wrapped packages are not in full view of a window or glass door. Consider using empty boxes wrapped in pretty paper for decoration, and store the valuable wrapped items safely in a locked closet.

• When you're away, use an automatic timer for your lights.

• If traveling for an extended time, ask your neighbor to watch your home, keep your yard, and park in your driveway from time to time.

• Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped while you're gone.

• If you're going out for the evening, turn on a light or two, a radio or television so it appears that someone is home.

• Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows, even if it's just for a quick trip to the convenience store.

• Stay alert and be aware of people and activity around you.

• Park in a well-lit place, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

• Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers by being extra careful with purses and wallets by carrying purse close to your body, not by dangling gifts. Men should carry their wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

• If you're shopping with the kids, teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

**Beware of strangers at your door:**

• Since criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, ask for identification first. If there is any doubt, get a phone number and call for verification before opening the door.

• Don't be taken by con artists collecting for bogus charities. Ask how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied with the answers, don't donate. Consider helping a familiar charity.

**It's time we got rid of teacher tenure**

**By Mark W. Merrill**  
**President to Florida Family Council**

Education Commissioner Frank Brogan has proposed a reform to our educational system that is causing quite an outcry by his opponents. His idea is to get rid of teacher tenure. And, based on the state of public education in Florida, I think it's about time. After all, we build schools to educate our children, not to provide jobs for bad teachers.

No feature of academic life is defended more fiercely than tenure. About 100,000 of the state's 130,000 public school teachers have "Professional Service Contracts" that grant tenure after three years of successful service. Tenure was originally instituted at colleges and universities to protect independence in research and thought. Elementary and secondary school teachers received it only this century. Educators proclaim that it protects teachers so they are free to seek, discover and teach without interference. Without it, freedom of speech would be squelched, they argue.

Whenever defenders of tenure justify its existence, they mention its alleged value solely as it relates to the employment of teachers. They never seem to think of any benefits it provides for the education of children. It may be a nice policy for some teachers, but that is no reason to keep a policy in place. As Thomas Sowell points out in his book *Inside American Education*: "By this kind of reasoning, one could justify monarchy on the grounds that it benefits kings. The real test of tenure, as of monarchy, is how it performs as a system serving public purposes."

Since today we have broad laws protecting freedom of speech and expression, the traditional defense of tenure no longer makes sense. It is unnecessary. But even worse, tenure is a chief contributor to the education crisis we have in the state today.

The fact is, tenure has not served the public education system well. Tenure creates an environment where there is simply no incentive to be a good teacher. Pay and promotion depend on such things as seniority and additional education credits amassed during the summers. Thus, serving time is what is rewarded, not teaching excellence. Even the former president of the American Federation of Teachers, Al Shanker, admits the system is skewed: "People are paid for coming in the morning and leaving at night, and for saying 'Good morning' in the morning and 'Good afternoon' in the afternoon and never confusing the two." He proposes some reforms that would create "market incentives" in the teaching profession.

If a bad teacher gets into the system today and receives tenure after three years, it is nearly impossible to get rid of that teacher. Only truly egregious cases are likely to lead to attempts at dismissal. The reason is simple: it can cost a fortune. According to Broward County school official Ronald Wright, it can take two to three years, and \$20,000 to \$60,000 in legal fees, to complete all the hearings required to fire a bad teacher.

A more common solution is to simply transfer the teacher to another school. This ensures that in those communities with very active and vocal parents, teachers can be drummed out. But where do they end up? According to Edwin Bridges in his groundbreaking book *The Incompetent Teacher*, they usually end up in low-income and minority schools, condemning students to poor education. The practice of transferring bad teachers has become so common it has been given several nicknames: "the turkey trot" and "the dance of the lemons."

Tenure creates an inward kind of thinking that is more focused on the comfort of the people who run the system than the public that it is supposed to serve. We need to reform the tenure system in the state to better serve our children. Under the current system, some individuals may indeed become outstanding teachers for individual reasons, but there is no institutional impetus to do so.

Commissioner Brogan's proposal calls for eliminating tenure for all new public school teachers starting July 1, 1997, and giving them an annual or multi-year contract not to exceed three years. Utah has already adopted a similar system, and other states are considering it. We would do well to create a system for giving teachers institutional incentives to perform their jobs more effectively. Remember, our schools exist for the sake of our children, not a source of guaranteed employment.

## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 626 complaints and worked 17 crime scenes the week of December 9-15. Those arrested included:

December 9 - Charles Bailey, violation of probation; Tashia Davis, 22, aggravated assault; Erick Brown, 26, uttering a forgery and attempting grand theft; Juan Gutierrez, 19, failure to appear.

December 10 - Ulysses Iverson, 45, domestic battery, corruption by threat, battery on a law enforcement officer.

December 11 - Adeline Jean, 42, retail theft.

December 12 - Alfred Nixon,

36, contempt of court; Juvenile, 15, failure to appear and aggravated battery.

December 13 - Elbert Barber, 39, violation of probation; Hedra Frandlme, 31, aggravated assault; Kenneth McFarland, 37, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

December 14 - Juvenile, 13, grand theft auto and contempt of court; Rose More Belize, 18, aggravated domestic battery; Darlene Johnson, 35, contempt of court; Willie Gray, 28, failure to appear; Charles McGrady, 51, aggravated domestic assault and two counts of domestic battery.

Advance ticket prices include adult admission for \$5. Child admission (5-11) for \$2 and a three day pass for \$12. Ride book tickets are \$10 and wristband tickets are also \$10 and provide unlimited rides on January 17 and January 20 only.

Chamber hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Head start has limited number of openings for 4-year-old children.

Head Start of Palm Beach County has a limited number of openings for children who are four years of age.

Your child must have turned four or on before Sept. 1, 1996 to be eligible.

Three centers in the Glades area are ready to serve you," says Larry Helmich, Family Service Specialist IV. Call him or Maggie Hodges or Ulanda Thompson at 996-9708 for further information.

December 15 - Patty White, 37, possession of cocaine; Pedro Morales, 48, two counts of failure to appear.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know.

We will confirm the information and print it.

**Charges dropped**

Court records show that adjudication was withheld in the case against Lanette Lethe Anderson, who was charged with retail theft on November 20, 1996.

ther information.

**PBCC Winter Term**

Registration under way

Registration for winter term at Palm Beach Community College is currently under way for new and currently enrolled students and continues through January 3. Classes begin January 6, 1997.

For further information, contact the PBCC Glades Campus at 992-3055.

### Children welcome

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, PEPPi Head Start, is recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children.

All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees.

The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.



**FIRST PLACE WINNER** in the float division for the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade last week was Great Lakes Chemicals of Belle Glade. This is the Great Lakes Chemicals float...not the one shown as their float in last week's edition of *The Sun*.

## West Tech donates toys

West Technical Education Center students have donated two boxes of Christmas toys for needy children in the area as part of their first T.O.Y.S. drive (T.O.Y.S. stands for Toys for Our Youngsters from Students).

The toys will be distributed to children in the local area by Catholic Charities of Belle Glade.

The toy drive was promoted by numerous posters created by STAR students and placed throughout the campus as well as daily announcements.

To keep the spirit of giving,

the faculty has donated special gifts that were given away to students as part of Santa's drawing held on December 18.

Prizes included a car wash, West Technical Education Center T-shirts, cosmetology services and lunch passes.



Over 700 people attended the annual Tri-City League Barbecue last Friday at the Belle Glade Marina. Shown is Paula Price, secretary at the Belle Glade Police Department, dishing up food for the many officials and guests from the municipalities around the state.

PBCC will be closed for the holidays

Palm Beach Community College will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 for semester break. The college will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**Chambers have S.F. Fair tickets**

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## Induction held for new sorority members

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., held an induction ceremony, Wednesday, Nov. 27 for 21 ladies of the Glades community as "candidates for membership" of the sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta.

Candidates for membership participating in the ceremony included Coshia Jackson, Rita Adams, Irene Clay, Cecilia Alexander, Tracey Butler, Denice Smith, Johnetta Scott, Dashed Jasper, Gwen Johnson.

son, Latrice Hubbard, Catherine Horace, Angela Thomas, Berita Perico, Melvyn Lockert, Carlistine Kyles, Delores Mayes, Sarah Donaldson, Yolanda Smith, Valerie Stinson, Inger Cheves and Tina Jefferson.

The Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., sponsored two days of workshops, fun and spiritual togetherness for the 21 candidates who were inducted for membership.

The event was held at the

Comfort Inn, West Palm Beach on Dec. 9-10.

Sorority members attending the workshops were: Gloria Boldin, Cynthia Harrell, Myrtle Coulon, Mary Rainey, Rachel Glover, Lavoine Smith, Dorothy Rhodes, Mona King, Earlene Mclemore, Cathy Davis, Brenda McCall, Gail Perry, Annie Hill, Charissa Davis, Linda Earsley, Lucille Fletcher, Betty Page, Dorothy Vereen, Alzora Chilous, Vernita Hale, Ruby Rutledge, Clara Brown and Patricia Cantz.

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## Winners announced for the Pahokee Chamber Christmas lighting contest

Officials of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce spent two and a half hours touring the city to determine the winners of this year's Christmas decorating contest.

The winners are as follows:

**Best residential:**  
1. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Provenza-  
le  
2. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kennedy  
3. Mr. & Mrs. Jason Stone

**Honorable mention:** John

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**Best religious:**

1. James & Louise Sneed  
2. Canal Point United  
Methodist Church  
3. Henry & Doris Parker

**Best commercial:**

1. Carol's Hair Barn  
2. Little Big Foot Boutique

**Best Christmas Spirit:**

1. Mary Brown, Seminole

Dimes were made almost completely of silver until 1965. That year, Congress ruled that dimes should be made with a solid copper center between two layers of a copper-nickel alloy.

**Court**  
2. Kenneth Hyslope  
3. Gloria Burroughs Rock

**Honorable mention:** St.

Mary Catholic Church

**Most Unique:**

1. Rev. & Mrs. Ronnie Jones

2. Faith Sasser

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# Zietler and Moran Exchange Vows

Adrian Gabriel Moran of Pahokee was wed to Lisa Ann Zietler of Punta Gorda on August 3, 1996 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church by Father Thomas Wantland in Port Charlotte at 1:30 p.m.

Adrian is the son of Antonio Moran and the late Melba Quintero Moran of Pahokee.

Lisa Ann is the daughter of John G. and Rosemary Zietler of Punta Gorda, Florida.

Matron of Honor was Renee Michelle LePere and bridesmaids were Debra Jean Moore

and Darby Suzanne Conley.

Best Man was Daniel Emilio Moran and groomsmen and ushers were Dwight D. Stigler and Christopher Scott Ziegler. The bride wore an off the shoulder, long sleeve Fink Original. The gown had a bisque waist and scooped back. The waist was covered in guipure lace and pink satin rose buds. The sleeves had hand made white organza bows on the shoulder and the skirt and train were made of several layers of white organza over blush.

The head piece was of hand-made organza roses with a cathedral length veil. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white lilies, snap dragons, pink lisianthus and green ivy.

The Matron of Honor and bridesmaids wore floor-length, A-line gowns of navy blue moire with short cap sleeves and a scalloped, off the shoulder neck line. They carried a single rose with ivy and satin ribbon.

Music was provided by organist David Smith and

soloist Mary Faye.

The reception was held at Holiday Inn Waterfront in Punta Gorda. The cake was a traditional four tier white cake with navy blue flowers and green ivy accents. Top was fresh flowers matching the bride's bouquet. The tables were draped in ivy, silk flower buds, and netting. Their first dance was to "Because You Loved Me," by Celine Dion.

The couple honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica and will reside in Bloomingdale, Illinois.



Adrian and Lisa Moran

## Birth Announcements

Nov. 17 - Mr. Joe Daniel Hernandez, Jr. & Ms. Christy A. Romero, Belle Glade, son, Joe Daniel III, 7 lb. 4 oz.  
 Nov. 18 - Mr. & Mrs. Ezequiel J. Espanza, Sr. (Rita Maria Hernandez), Pahokee, son, Ezequiel II, 7 lb. 14 3/4 oz.  
 Nov. 19 - Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Lee Anderson & Ms. Audrey Michelle Walker, Pahokee, son, Tyrell Jamal, 9 lb. 7 1/2 oz.  
 Nov. 20 - Mr. & Mrs. David Lee Ferguson (Julia Ann Kilian), Pahokee, son, Jacob Daven, 7 lb. 5 1/2 oz.  
 Nov. 20 - Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bouie (Linda J. Jackson), Belle Glade, daughter, Victoria Sarena, 8 lb. 5 oz.  
 Nov. 21 - Mr. & Mrs. David Lopez (Belinda LaFuenta), Belle Glade, son, Anthony Alonso, 8 lb. 14 3/4 oz.  
 Nov. 21 - Mr. & Mrs. Eric Lamarr Lawson (Kathy Lenore Whitfield), Pahokee, daughter, Erica Alicia, 8 lb. 13 1/4 oz.  
 Nov. 22 - Mr. & Mrs. Angel Chavez, Sr. (Hilda M. Vega), Belle Glade, son, Angel Jr., 8 lb. 2 1/2 oz.  
 Nov. 22 - Ms. Christy Nicole Bryant, Pahokee, daughter, Qe'Anshe Leilani, 3 lb. 4 oz.  
 Nov. 23 - Mr. Rolando L. Magana & Ms. Esther M. Romero, Clewiston, daughter, Gabriela, 7 lb. 11 3/4 oz.  
 Nov. 25 - Ms. Conception Barajas, Belle Glade, son, Anthony, 8 lb. 8 1/4 oz.  
 Nov. 25 - Mr. & Mrs. Marcos Gomez (Genarina Nunez), Belle Glade, daughter, Earlyne Cynthia, 6 lb. 15 3/4 oz.  
 Nov. 25 - Mr. Troy I. Johnson, Jr. & Ms. Krystal LaTaya Jackson, Pahokee, daughter, Mahagony LaTroya, 6 lb. 9 1/2 oz.  
 Nov. 25 - Ms. Terrence L. Moore & Ms. Takhozy Kenya Williams, Pahokee, daughter, Terrika Ambrinique, 2 lb. 3 oz.  
 Nov. 26 - Mr. & Mrs. Ulysses X. Thompson, Sr. (Stacia D. Williamson), Belle Glade, son, Ulysses Xavier Jr., 6 lb. 1 3/4 oz.  
 Nov. 27 - Mr. Timothy B. Thompson & Ms. Shunta D. Hammond, Belle Glade, son, Javeon Jamal, 6 lb. 12 oz.  
 Nov. 27 - Mr. & Mrs. Jose Alfredo Garcia (Rosa Martinez), Okeechobee, son, Alex Garcia, 5 lb. 4 1/4 oz.  
 Dec. 01 - Mr. Juan M. Mata, Jr. & Ms. Rosalba Contreras, Pahokee, son, Juan Manuel III, 6 lb. 12 oz.  
 Dec. 01 - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Carnley (Shirley A. Lawrence), Okeechobee, daughter, Christine Danielle, 8 lb. 9 1/4 oz.  
 Dec. 02 - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio D. Dukes, Sr. (Mary Magdalene Mosely), Belle Glade, son, Antonio Darnell Jr., 8 lb. 8 3/4 oz.  
 Dec. 02 - Ms. Angelica Cornelia Wlaker, Pahokee, daughter, Ae'ja Kenasha Semon, 8 lb.



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## Glades Central's Thespians Win at District One-Act Play Festival

The Glades Central Thespians Troupe 2462 won top honors at the District One-Act Play Festival this week.

They competed with 17 other schools from Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. Their play, "Living On" by Lois Roach is a play about the effect that AIDS has on the families of its victims. The actors' "Critic's Choice" award is the top honor given to a play.

Director Sarah Bennett and Co-Sponsor Robert Bennett took the cast Thursday and Friday to PECC North Campus for the competition.

"This play has meaning and depth to it, and this cast was wonderful in their emotional understanding of the loss that families must feel, the decisions young people have to make, and the agony patients will suffer," said Mrs. Bennett.

The cast consists of Lonette Bolden, Kerri Wint, Raymond Hamilton, Lindsay Bennett, Brian Edgecomb, Cesar Ponce, Steve Sneed, Antonia King, Sandy-Ann Dunkley, John Mullins, Dwight Forde, Lloren Dowdell, and Cecilia Hepburn. Brian Edgecomb was selected from the cast of "Living On" as Best Actor to be

noted in the All Star Cast also.

"We felt this was an important play to do because as a quote from the play says, 'AIDS ain't no joke...you need to be careful. Things ain't what they used to be. It's not easy out here.'

"We don't want to see any person dying of AIDS due to lack of education about the disease."

The troupe will consider doing a performance of the play for community groups or for other schools. Please contact Mrs. Bennett at Glades Central for further information about times and prices.

## Navy News

**Navy Hospitalman Apprentice** Ronald W. Brian, son of James W. and Debra A. Brian of 125 N.W. Anek Avenue, recently graduated from Field Medical Service Technician Course at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the seven week course, Brian learned how to operate with Marine Corps combat units as a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician. Brian learned the specifics of battlefield survival and personal

protective measures. He also learned the basic infantry tactics and how to use weapons for self defense.

To graduate, Brian was required to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures. Marines depend on Navy corpsmen and dental technicians like Brian to provide quality medical care when serving around the world.

As a graduate of the Field Medical Service School, Brian demonstrates his

tremendous ability to excel in a naval force of more than 400,000 men and women. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Brian are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Glades Central Community High School joined the Navy in October 1995.

**Navy Seaman Recruit** Lamorris W. Singletary, son of Brenda Colijons of 846 Padgett Circle, Pahokee, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight week program, Singletary completed a variety of naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Singletary and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's

core values--honor, courage and commitment--and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Singletary joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore command around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Singletary and other recruits were also trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller and smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Singletary are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval forces in history. This year alone, the Navy will have over 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training. Singletary is a 1996 graduate of Pahokee High School.

*Toy Story and other videos with a holiday theme are great gifts for the whole family and can make any day seem like Christmas.*

Released just in time for the holidays, Disney's *Toy Story*, has been as one of the year's best movies, receiving more than 30 critics, and nominated for three Academy Awards, is already proving to be one of the most popular items this holiday season. Starring Tom Hanks and Tim Allen as the voices of Woody, the pull-string cowboy, and Buzz Lightyear, the new toy in town, the movie is certain to have kids and adults alike laughing straight into the New Year.

Along with this fun-filled whimsical tale, let Disney fill your home with the magic of song by introducing *101 DALMATIANS*: *PONGO AND PERDITA*, a brand new adventure tale of singing dogs, which features the delightful dogs from the new live action feature *101 DALMATIANS*. Also available this year is the toe-tapping *JINGLE BELL ROCK*, an all-new video starring Milton Berle, that teaches Santa's elves and children the true meaning of Christmas.

Round out the holiday season with perennial favorites including *MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL*, *THE SANTA CLAUSE* and *SPOT'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS*. All available from Disney, these movies will make great stocking stuffers and are sure to bring the calming joy of warmth and laughter into an otherwise hectic holiday household.

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## Three Local Cross Country Athletes Qualify For National Cross Country Meet

Three young ladies from the Glades area qualified for U.S.A. Track & Field Junior Olympic National Cross Country Meet to be held in Lexington, Kentucky on December 14, 1996.

To be eligible to compete in

Nationals, the girls had to race in Walt Disney World, Orlando.

Soila Konciellah, a nine year old in the Bantam division, ran a time of 13:34 and received 3rd place for her efforts.

Geneeka Morris, also nine years old, ran a time of 14:12 and received 10th place in her division.

Anita Perkins, an eleven year competitor in the Midget division, ran a time of 11:34 and received 2nd place.

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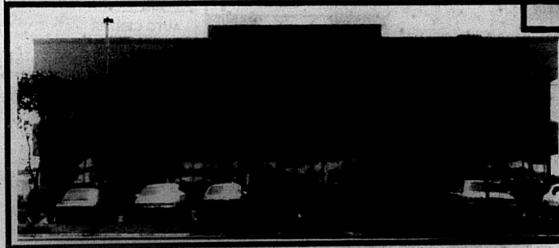
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pleased to announce the addition of  
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M.D., and a new office location in  
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Dr. Rangegowda received his medical degree at the University of Mysore in India, where he received a National Merit Scholarship for outstanding performance. He completed his residency in pediatrics during a three year rotation at Kings County Hospital, University Hospital of Brooklyn, SUNY Health Science Center and Staten Island University Hospital in New York. Dr. Rangegowda is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Shankariah completed his pediatric residency at New York Medical College and has been in practice in South Florida for six years. He is a fellow of the American Association of Pediatrics.

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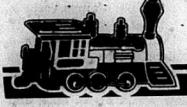


Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a four wheeler and a Macintosh computer. I will also like a mustang remote control car, and a pair of nice air shoes.

Isaiah Escoria

Dear Santa, I hope you are warm in the North Pole and would you bring me a computer with a mouse and some drums?

Love, James, Merry Christmas



Dear Santa, I want a new drum set, and a baby pit bull, a new game boy, and a trip to the North Pole, and a basketball goal, and I will leave a shrimp boat out for you to eat.

DeMarcus Dixon

Dear Santa, I hope that when Christmas has past you will have something to do like playing with yourself. What did you give to yourself? If you did not give yourself a present then I hope when you come to my house I will give you one.

Andrew Davis

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you give me my computer. I want you to give me my fingernail fun. Me and my sister will play with my fingernail fun and my computer. I want a doll and I will make my mother a party. I will make my father a bear.

Love, Glennisha

Dear Santa, I would like a computer to write my story. My story is for Santa. Santa I would like some roller blades, and a bike and lost of presents.

Love, Desmond

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle for Christmas. If you get it I will be so happy. I hope my mom tells you went I want. I want a bicycle.

Kennetra Mosley

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike and I want Mortal Combat 3, and I want a big radio.

Tyrone Patterson

Dear Santa, I want a football jacket, and a racing car that will go up and down, and a football with cowboys, and a basketball with Grant Hill, and a bike that talks.

Love, Rupert

Dear Santa Claus, I am getting a ring, and a go car, and a new pair of shoes, and some clothes, and some movies, and a super nintendo.

Love Rayquan

Dear Santa, I want a football and a stopwatch. I want a cat and a dog, and I want a doughnut and I want a pen for my mama, and Santa my shop, and whistle, and a truck and the radio. And I want a hammer, and the clock and a crown.

Love Jarvis

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are going to bring me Civil Buzz Lightyear and a Woody, and a Batman and a toy Santa Claus.

Love, Sammy Sims, I love Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me and my cousin a bike. Because my cousin loves to go on sixth street. I said, "you have a boyfriend." She said, "I have a boyfriend on sixth street." I said, "what is his name?" She said, "his name is Travis." "s

Love Ronisha

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy. I would like a game, and some skates, and some dogs, and some toys.

Love, Luke Thompson

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you can make it to my house on Christmas night. I really need that doll in that Fingerhut book with the bottle and all the baby stuff. And I hope I was good this year.

Love, Roshanda Reddick

Dear Mr. Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus, I wish I could get a yack back, and skates, and my own room. And I wish for a Nintendo 64. And Mrs. Santa Claus, I hope your elves don't eat a



lot so they can work on my toys. I hope your wife is feeling good.

Johnisha

GLADES DAY SCHOOL,  
Mrs. West's Class

Dear Santa,  
I want an R-Zone Superscreen, another Nerf gun, and most of all a Sony Playstation, but I also want

you to take toys to all the children that don't have any reason to be happy about Christmas.

I'd also like you to bring my big brother, Eric, his #1 present a four-wheeler.

Love, Jeffrey Edwards  
P.S. Please get me a Cell-phone.

Dear Santa,

I want shoes and a purse that is pretty and also "like-dresses" for my mom and me for church and church shoes for my mom. I want a new bike that has a radio on it. I also want 1,000 dollars and for my mom, a glass angel and for my dad a new car that works.

Love, Alina Alonso

Dear Santa,

I would like Roller blades, a couch potato remote, a 20 gauge shotgun, a sega genesis, nintendo 64, Super game boy, a 100 dollars, the whole Florida Gator's autographs and a stopwatch that's water proof.

Love, Russell Pate

Dear Santa, I would like a beeper, some candy and a pretty dress, with dress shoes, a kitty with its name Oreo (I want it black & white). For my mom I would like for you to get her any kind of jewelry. For my dad I would like for you to get him a Florida State hat. For my brother a Miami Hurricane hat. And for my dog a big bone. The biggest one you have ever seen.

Love, Kristen Duff

Dear Santa,

I would like four things. My first one is a pretty purse, and I would like earrings, and some very pretty shoes. And I would like a

hundred dollars and a puppy.

And for my Mom and Dad, happiness.

Love, Zulay Arnold

Mrs. Thompson's Class

Dear Santa, I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard and made good grades. I made two AA and two BB. And I want a baby doll for Christmas. When you come to my house use the front door so I can hear you saying ho! ho! ho! Merry Christmas and I will leave you some snacks.

Chikulls Barnes

Dear Santa, this Christmas I want you to come to Belle Glade and bring me a lot of things. I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard at school. Santa I want you to come in my house and bring some gifts for my family. I hope you come and visit me in my house.

Evenlyn Paloma Hernandez

Dear Santa, could you please bring some toys I want because I like to play with them? And please bring me a cute puppy, I am going to name him Joe and play with him. You are a good Santa Clause. I love you so much.

Magalu Monroy

Dear Santa, I think that I have been a very nice girl this year. I have studied hard and made good grades. I want a baby go by and a bike. Computer too. I like a computer because it has Math and the maze. Thank you Santa. Don't forget my teacher Mrs. Thompson.

Dorothy Sims

Dear Santa, I think I have been a very nice boy this year.

Daniel Cavazos

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, some roller blades, and for every one to have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Brent Allen

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Elementary

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my Aunt's house and play in the yard. Then we will go to the park and play in the sand. Finally we will go to my uncle's house and celebrate Christmas. Christmas is my favorite time of the year.

Valkesha Lewis

My Letter To Santa...Dear Santa, I like Christmas because it is my favorite time of the year. Maybe I like it because I get to spend time with my family. Santa I wish you a merry Christmas but Santa I'm not done yet. I especially like my mom's cookies. We will have a Christmas party, at the party we will eat the cookies I told you about, fruit punch, cake ice cream, and chips. At the party for fun we will play games like connect four, monopoly, and when we're done we will go to the beach. Santa I can tell you what Christmas means to me it means spending time with your family, opening presents and enjoying what you have when Jesus was born. That's what Christmas means to me. Santa all I want for Christmas is a computer. Sincerely, your best friend,

Abigail A Payne

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because I like to get presents. I would like to get a computer, bike and a baby doll. I can get a big in present. I will have good Christmas with my mom, Dad and Sister. Love,

Chaquita

Dear Santa, I would like a radio and a computer to do my home work on. I need clothes too. I love Christians because you with your family and you get toys. The end. P.S. Love, Leslie Face

Dear Santa, I like Christmas because it is a time for giving and family. My family gets together Christmas Eve. We make cookies and sing

Christmas light. I will awake up and see presents.

Melissa

Dear Santa Claus, Yo my name is Maneitde. I'm in 3rd

and it will be happy Christmas with me and my family. So stop by my house first you will have your food you will have Chicken rice greens pigfeet. Love,

Johnnie Edwards

Dear Santa, I would like two walkie talkie A remote control car and a tv and a gocart. I stay in Belle Glade Florida. The school I go to is call Belle Glade Eml. I stay in Palm Beach County. Your friend,

Hoover

Dear Santa Claus, This is what I want for Christmas. A juice and cookie baby alive, candyland, dream phone, let's bake pizza, baby doll stroll, fingernail fun, scrunch 'n wear, same art, ring, cut fit, shoe's, baby care art, play money, walkie talkie, and my mom a new car. Love you Santa, Santa I'm a 9 year old girl. I live in Belle Glade Fl. My School name is Belle Glade Eml. I wish for a puppy and a rabbit too. I want my mom to have a new car. Love you Santa,

Manetide Delice

Dear Santa, Hi! my name is Frances. I'm in the 3rd grade. I like to paint a lot. My school is Belle Glade Eml. I like to draw very much. I like to draw things. We always paint things. I want a doll and some art paper and a bike. Love,

Frances

Dear Sants, I wish I can have a nice and pretty Christmas. I will be greatful for your care. I would like to visit you in North Pole and if you gave me a bike that is all and I am glad because you are coming to my house. Love, Diana

Dear Santa, My name is Johnnie Edwards I am a girl Santa I would like to visit you some day at the North Pole I hope that your bring me a lot's of toys for Christmas. I know you is a nice Santa. This Christmas and I am 8 year old

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Johnnie Edwards

your elves too. How can you make toys? I will try to make toys on my own. I will like to ask you a question. Can you give me a bike? See you soon. Love,

Melody

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jorane Metelus. I am 8 years old. My teacher name is Mrs. McDonald. She is a good teacher. Santa I want like to get a babydoll, a bogs, a lot of toys. Santa I love you Santa Claus. Love,

Jorane Metelus

Glades Day Elementary

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine Santa for Christmas I would like some things here they are. A Dear Diary, A Nintendo 64, A Chicken limbo. Some clothes. Some jewelry. Take care of me. Barbie travel house, Barbie mini van Sega saturn. Any 101 dalmation stuffed & C.D. and C.D. player. A phone. A bike and all the Mary Kate & Ashley movies and a beeper and a case. I hope you have a good Christmas! Love,

Amy

Hoover

Dear Santa, Santa how are you doing? This year I want a computer, a real typewriter, a montcol car, a trampoline, and most I want my whole entire family. That's what I want for Christmas. I will write you again. Love,

Javaris Peete

Dear Santa, Can I have some new roller blades. They are getting old. Can I have some C.D.'s. I've been a good girl so I would like some new clothes too. Love,

Sarah Minor

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like to own a easy bake microwave a mermaid barbie. Some people say you aren't real but I don't care what they say. You are real. Can you get my brother a toy boat? Love,

Cassie Ann Basore

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo 64 and a 97 Hockey

game. and new roller blades and hockey pads and a helmet. I would like a Cd player. Some clothes and a really cool backpack and some cool nice shoes and a cute dog and cat and panthers hockey jersey. Love,

Tobin Basore

Dear Santa, I want a basketball playstation 22 Mountain Bike and a Go-Cart and a movie Independence Day and a new football and a new baseball and a F.S.U. helmet and a men hurricane hat. Love,

James Tauvele

Dear Santa, I wish for a talking Bubba and a motor bike and a go cart and a brand new football and a new base ball and a robot that can talk. Love,

Chucky Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a sega Saturn and a golf cart and I want a rachet motorcycle and a remote control car and a new t.v. Love,

Nick Wingate

Dear Santa, I will like a girl talk game and a name plate necklace and a C.D. player. Love,

Andrea Avery

Dear Santa, I would like a Bone CD and a Nintendo 64. And a three wheeler and also a paint ball gun. Love,

Charles Bahruth

Dear Santa, I want a beeper and a case and take care of me twins and I want a Sega game and Lets play school and I want some clothes and a pair of shoes. Love,

Noelle Basore

Dear Santa, I want a paint ball gun and I want a twelve gauge shot gun. Love,



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Dear Santa, I like Christmas because it's my favorite time of year. I like it because my family gets together and I will get new toys. First I want a 49ers sweat suit. Second I want Nike Shoes. Then I want a whole box of toys of Motor Combat. Last I want to give my family gifts. I'll be glad when Christmas gets here.

Juan C.

Dear Santa, I want to see you for Christmas, because



you are my best friend I want to see you with your wife. There are some things I want for Christmas. First I want a Bettle Bore collection. Second Power Ranger Zeo Collection. Third I want a picture of you. Next I want a toy Santa Claus. Last I want a Space Jam Collection. I can't wait for Christmas because it is my favorite time of the year.

Vincent

Dear Santa Claus, I like Christmas because you get to see your family and members of your family. Also so you can give presents and receive them. I like Christmas because it's my favorite time of the year. Each year I get good presents from Santa and he gives me what I asked for. I like Christmas because you get to get a Christmas tree and decorate it. We could go to

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Calvin Hile

try to get me a bike. Sincrly  
you Best Friend,

Ro Brittney

Dear Santa, I want a racing car. I want a cat and a dog. I want a football and basket ball. I want Miami Dolphins Football pad and pants. I also need some pencils, paper, and crayons so I have something to do my work with. I wan pool even though we already have one. I think we need have two pools! Thank you, Santa! Your Friend,

Gustavious

Dear Santa, I want a dog



Dear Santa Claus, I wish I could buy my cousin so I could play the games we use to play and a motasickle, and a play car and a toy robocar a real football and a football helmet that is it Sincerely,

Antonio Bailey

Dear Santa Claus, I been wishing you to bring me a game boy and a spiderman and a Sega Nintendo Filas Shoes and I want this toys because I been wishing for this toys and I wish my mom and my dad to stop fighting and have a great Christmas and I want this to happen because they fight a lot and I wish mom to don't be sick any more and me to I don't want to be sick anymore. Sincerely,

Jose Jaimes

Dear Santa Claus, I wish to have another sister to love and take care of. I love to see my cousin she loves me a lot. I want a pretty and crafty set and a barbie cd rom. If its to much to ask tell me I want to hear what you say. Oh there is one more thing! A space jam pair of shoes at shoe world. Maybe you would get something from me it'll be under my bed don't know where it is its down the hall straight down and have a merry Christmas! Sincerely,

Cynthia Rowland

Dear Santa, I want me some Deon shoes and berry Sanders and I want me some games and a Nintendo and a bike and some close and some ear ring and a Necklaces. Sincerely,

Curtis Brown

Dear St. Nicholas, For

case it can watch the house. I want a sega CD because I want to play it. I want a football, because I can play with my friends. Your Friend,

Ja-Colby Tyler

Dear Santa, I want a game boy to play when I'm riding in the car. I want a four wheeler so I can the dirt roads. I want a football because I like to play football. Your Friend,

Steven Morgan

Dear Santa, I wish that I had a bike like my cousin because I felt lonely when they were. and they will not let me ride there bike. their mom told them to let me ride there bike but they did not let me ride there bike. maybe they did not want me to ride they bike but santa could you just

Christams I've been whishing for a baby a gone and a geness tape tape goes for mars. But if you can't I can understand because you probaby are tired. I want the baby doll because I like to play with baby dolls and I want a geness tape cause I have a geness tape cause I have a geness game at my house and I love playing it. I suppose to be getting a bike my mother said she would get it for me. I want a bike because my purple bike the gera broke. Sincerely,

Courtnee

Dear Mrs. Mrs. Claus, Merry Merry Christmas hers a lest of thing I wood like to have. Filas Nike Air Nice clothes you mite want to No I want to look pretty I want some jewelry I want a name plate a saling shirt I want some scringform rugs. Sincerely,

Terria Sanford

Dear Santa, I wish that I had a Rottweiler. I wish my mom and dad stop fighting. I wish I had a go car. I wish that I had a football player. Sincerely,

Eddie

Dear Santa, I am wishing for a bike I hope you can bring it on Christmas. I love you Santa and Mrs. Christmas. I love you Santa and Mrs.



Claus. I wish I can come over there were you are because I love you. And I want a TV. too. Sincerely,

Nickeita Brown

Dear Santa, I wish I had a computer but I don't have enough of money to buy it. I want a computer because it helps me learn and that computer is my only wish for Christmas. And my favorite month is Christmas. Sometimes some of my family come to our house for Christmas. And some by me some thing don't. But it's okay because my mom always say be thankful of what I've got. And I am. Sincerely,

Wismieka Lemene,  
your biggest fan

fameily. Love,

Emilio

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a computer, a watch, a t.v. in my room, some wikes, a doll that crys, a make up box, skates. I want you to bring me this, because I made the honor roll all nine weeks and I got all seus. Love,

Amanda

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Nawanda

Dear Santa, I like a bike, for Christmas Santa and I want a car, for my mom and I want a super, for Christmas. Love,

Antavious Sears

Dear Santa, I want to get a minny bike son Rolle Blades, I want to have for my family to be together and I dont want my mom to go to work on Christmas day. I want to have owa I'm a good boy some times and one mor thing I want a goart. Love,

Robert

Dear Santa, I have ben good. Adn I'm going to tell you what I want. A sega for Christmas and a fooball, basket ball, small motesicole, Z.50, tv, sega games, bike and a happy

Brenda Garza

Dear Santa, My mom and dad really want's money for christmas because they don't have it right now my brother want a new bike because he don't like the one he got I want

THE SUN, Thursday, December 19, 1996, -7-B

cake mix for my Easy Bake I want a skates and a baby doll baby go bye bye and I will love to get something for my mother and father. Thank You! Love,

Nicole Mann



Dear Santa, I was a good girl this year. I want for Christmas is a cabbage pack doll, baby sister kelly Barbie and Gymnst Stacie, Take Along doll case, and Barbie Dress up game. From, Emily

Dear Santa I would like a bike, some skates, a jeep, a toy for my brother, toys for my cousins, and for my grandmother some angels, and that my grandfather does not get sick again. I think that my family has been good this year, and I hop that every one will have a merry Christmas. Love,

Natalie Ornelas

Dear Santa, I love your Santa I want a bike Santa please I want my family some more shoes and love and for my sister by her a room. Thank You.

Samuel Howard

Ms. K. Ellison's Class

Dear Santa, I want a new gocar because some body took myeon and I want a new pool because it got real dirt so I wont a new pool and a new house for my mom because she got kick out but she is in a house and a gameboy and a play stas and a new pear of Emmits and drum stick and a new drum and I want a yak back form my brother because he is in the house pillow. Thank you. Your Friend,

Jeremy

Dear Santa, I hope my mom

## A Holiday Thank You The Whole Staff Wishes All of You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New.



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give me a present and I will get her a present and we will have a happy Christmas and I love Santa and I love Mrs. Ellison. I wish Mrs. Ellison could come and I will have a lot of fun on Christmas and I wish Santa come to my house to give me a present. Your friend,

Thea Green

have a bike and a r.c. racer and a trapulend.

Curtavious

Dear Santa, I have been a very very good girl what I wish I had for Christmas is a nail machine, an a dancing barbie and a little baby doll and a stero for Christmas. You Friend,

Felicia Yvette Flores

Dear Santa, I have been very good to my class makes and that have been good to me. like going to school because the teacher help us learn and Santa I would like to have a remote control car. Your Friend,

Robert Bennett

Dear Santa I have been a good girl this year. And I have been a good to everyone. Who have been good to me. I have

Priscilla

Dear Santa I have been a good girl this year. And I have been a good to everyone. Who have been good to me. I have

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. I will like for you to bring me a little house and also a Barbie car and also a Hunchback of Notre Dame tent for I can sleep in my tent at night. Your Friend,

Janera Carter

Ms. Loggin's Class

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year because I help other people who is in my class. On Christmas I want basketball gold, c.d. player, and a sega. Want I want most is the c.d. player because I want to play my c.d.

Kenneth Wilder

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good sometimes bad. I love Christmas because it God bday. For some body I want a hug that what I want because it is good that way. Love,

Tracy

Dear Santa Claus, I was good my auntie said I'll be good the hole week I will get anything I want but if I don't I will be grounded for three weeks and God will always be in my heart and Jesus loves me I will help homeless people who need help and for there

Alesha

Dear Santa, I hope my mom give's me a present and I will give her a present to her and my dad to and my sister's to and I hope to get some new mintin's. Your friend,

Antonio

Dear Santa I will Love to

Christmas is a lot of money and they will have a house and what I want for Christmas is a bike, a don't forget aman some shoes, and clothes, and bouns is Take Care Of Me

food to live. Love,

Cesar



Dear Santa, I have been bad in school this year in Santa I am sorry. I will like a go car for Christmas. In I wish that I could get Ms. Leggins a new ring. I love Santa in Miss Claus. From,

Cursahada Littlelen McPhee

Dear Santa, I have been rather good this year. I have been listening to the teacher at school. I want a computer I can do math and reading on it. brother want a game but this dig not buy it. I got my brother the game he was happy. My big brother Buy dad a car and momma jee yard me a game boy. Love,

Thomas Jackson

Twins and CHOSY BABY all gone and Pretty Pretty Princess. Merry Christmas Santa. Love,

Lakia

Dear Santa Claus, I been good this year by helping my mom with the dishes and cooking. This year I won't be a bike, and a baby, for Christmas. I won't a bike to go riding and a baby to play with. An the moth I won't a bike. I Love You Santa Claus. Love,

Corshea

Dear Santa, I was good this year. I had did my homework and class work. I want a bike, skates, and shoes. I want the most is a bike because I can go riding. I want you to help this little girl on TV. to get her scooter. Love,

Krystal

Dear Santa, I have been bad this year but I am bring my grads up in school and I want a helmet and a forwoller and a lowriderbike and the new deons. They are showe and for my dogs that died I ant them to sleep in pise and th emot I want the pepal who don't have

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been making A's in math and reading. I made the Honor Roll. This Christmas I will like a computer, My Size Barbie, and a pair of skates. Really I will like a computer so I could learn how to spell words I do not know how to spell. I want to make a wish that my brother to make good grades in school so he will make my mother proud and I love him. Love,

Darneshia Hodge

Dear Santa, I have been rather good this year. I have been doing my homework. I have helped clean our house.

Tanya Lopez

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good girl. I take care of my baby cousins I chand her diapers. I would like a computer so that I can do my math. And the thing I want that all poor pepal can have a Christmas dinner nd we can find a cure for AIDS. Love,

Timothy

Dear Santa Claus, I have been very good this year. I have been good because I want a present for Christmas. I want a secret diary computer that is the best thing that I want and I am going to put all my secret things in it like my best friend's phone number. I want it because I always wanted one before. I wish you can give the world something to live in and to eat and the most to the people who don't have a home. Please help my grandmother and grandfather to get their new house to. Love,

Terrence Smith



play my gameboy. Love,

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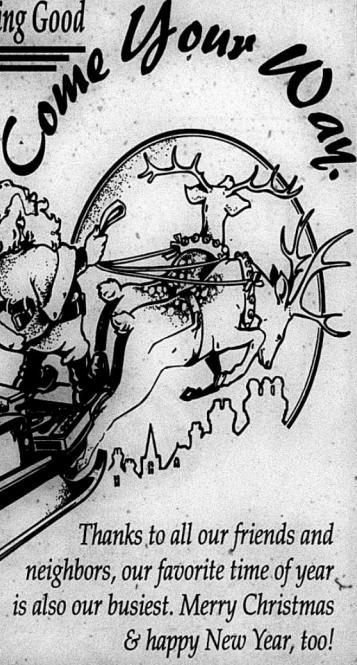
Ms. Schott's Class

Dear Santa, I would like for you to give me a big present is a big K-9 Dog who is not scared of anything and I would like to go home because I miss my parents a lot so pleasee me do a favorite pleasee let me go home before Christmas because I will cry a lot. Gives me a computer and a bicycle who have cup on it and a purse who is by it. So pleasee pleasee give me all the I ask for you to give me. From, Valery

Dear Santa, I want a mutator and go cart and a girlfriend and we get marry and I want a 5.0 to drive around and a caravan and a motorcycle and some gold in my mouth and I want a thousand dollars please.

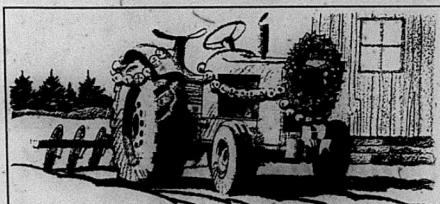
Edretavious Robinson

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Deem house and a computer. I won't a real born baby. bar-



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Barbie. I will play with it. I ing up trash. Love, would like a machine for my grandmother so she can lose weight. Love,

Crai Netta  
Shawanda

Dear Santa, I was good this year. I helped Robert with his homework. I want a bike, and a jacket. For Christmas I want the jacket the most because it is cold. I want to give kids clothes because they do not have any. Love,

Sandra Franco

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. I went a Nintendo 64, a low rider bike, make it a sweet shirt and pants. I hope it is not to much. a.c.d. player. Most of all I went the game I went one. I went the world to be a better place. Love,

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Ronne

Dear Santa Claus, I have been rather good this year. I have been good to my grandma and my mom. I clean my room when I come home and my sister and my brother too. I want for Christians is a Secret Diary, because I can put my secret things in it like my friend phone number and Mrs. Loggin's phone number because if I want to talk to someone. I Love her and you to Santa Claus and I can talk to her. Love,

Demeicia

Dear Santa Claus, I been good this year. I made the honor roll. I want My Size Barbie. I would put on my clothes on her and wear her clothes. I would dance with her. The spicelab present is I want to help the world by picking.

William

Dear Santa, I been bad this year I fight with my brother. I don't read my reading book. I'm sorry. I want a My Size

bie meanyy van.

and I want a watch.

Anna

I won't wonder wrold.

Bath Baby

pound puppies

easy bake

learning pad

take care of two twins

babby tumbble

such wear

finger nail maker

I won't some air Nike

carried babby

real talking bubble

Shankeria

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a new Barbie, and a Barbie car and a bike and a teddy bear. And have a Merry

Christmas Love,  
Romina

Dear Santa, Hi Santa I want a toy I want a go cart a car and a motorcycle a ring and a bike. Buy Santa.

Kaidero Hutchinson

Dear Santa, I want a bike a ten speed bike, I want some cloths and some eight hill shoes, I want some paper and crayons and pencils. Thank you so much Santa you are nice Santa.

Anteria

Dear Santa, I want a bike for Christmas and I want some toys for Christmas and I want some clothes and shoe

had a romt corrtoi car. I wash

I had a big tv. I wash I had a toys I wash I had atoys. I wash I had a my onv roo. I wash I had my onv money. I wash I had m onv toys.

Federico

Dear Santa, I wish my mom get me two dolls for Christmas and I also wish I get a good Progress report and I hope I get a good letter today and everyday. And I wish I have a nice day on Christmas Christmas is the same thing like Thanksgiving because Thanksgiving is a day to love and care about our family. Christmas is to. I love Christmas very much. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas.

Jaquanna

Dear Santa, I am so happy because Christmas is al most here. I love Christmas. This year I want to be with my whole family. And my birthday is close to Christmas eve. It is December 23 I love my birthday. All I want for Christmas is two things. And here they go to be with my family and two babydolls. I am going to be 9 years old. And I wish I to learn more things in school. Yours True love,

Cheryll Alcantara

Dear Santa,

1. I want a go cart

2. Computer

3. Cowboy jacket

4. toy car

5. riding

6. AIR NIKE

yours,

Vicente Jimenez

Dear Santa, I wot a go cart in a remote control car and a trapalien ro a wot a bike and a redo and a book to read and a computer to and a pair of plants and shirt and a sega and nintendo and a gournd pool and a big wheel motorcycle and a ten dollar and a book shelf and a seed racer and a tenedrager. Your friend,

Albert

Dear Santa, I love you alot. I wash I seen you defor. I wash I

had trapalien to Love,  
Kendall

Dear Santa, I wont a baby doll I wot a ride I wwant a bycile I want some jerwiy I want some skates Goody I love you Santa See You Later Santa Lov,

Gabrielle

Dear Santa, I would like a bicide and a chane for it so it wont get stoln agin and a saga.

Unknown

Mrs. Sprouse's Class

Dear Sant, I went a Doll and a Dol houses in a Pittbell girl in a ball. I went a dollsra in a pool in a baby doll. I went a Jeep in a Book. I went a new bike &amp; Baby Doll C.D. Your Friend,

Felicia Myers

Dear Santa, For Critsmas I would like a game gear. I would like a nameplate. I would like a basketball. I would like a boombox that is

for the gifts you gave me last year. Your Friend,

Alvin Hill

Dear Santa, I been good. How are you. For Christmas this year I want a Nintendo 64. And a dirt bike. I want a game boy. And I want toy shoy I want a game gear. I want a Sega Saturn, R-Zone. Love,

Eddie

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a barbie Mini and a Princie wishing star and my brothters some clothes and my sister some dolls and I want a new saga and a doll house and some barbie dolls I woul like a ring and a name play and a barbie CD and a telephone. Your Friend,

Contance Chastine

Dear Santa, I would like you to buy me many many toys for Christmas because I deen good this year. I what a HI Walker. Lucky. Ducks Drem phone Barbie photo set Mail in Manufacturer Foam N Color Bathtub Barbie Super Talk Telephone COunt Estate pet parlor. Barbie movie theather Barbie CD player Jeele Feding Fun Stable

Dineshia

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been very good this year. I did not get a chance to thank you for all of that stuff for Christmas last year. Would you give me this for Christmas. I would like a Pet Doctor Barbie, Pet Parlor, Name Plate, Brasses. I hope you have a nice Christmas Holiday. Your Friend,

Tashanette

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a name plate. I wil like a new bike 18 speed. Barbie Movies Theather. Barbie So Much To Do Laundry Center. Barbie Super Talking Cellular Flip Phone. Barbie C.D. Player

Barbie SuperTalk Telephone  
Barbie Galleria, Juice ookie  
Baby Alive and some roller  
blazee. Fingerail Fun. Your  
Friend,

Anteria Sandlin

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been very good. I what a Dode Bearl and a barbie mini van, and juice and cookie baby alive. Baby buggy and priced down barbess, pet doctor barbie pet parlor, Name Plate. I will like a fingerail fun, and a carring and my size dancing Christamas. Your Friend,

Fashonette Javonte

set, Melanie's Mall, fingerail stuff, stamp kit, bush art guitar, balloons, barbie camary, clock, photo book, wakkie talkies. And also I have been good this year. Thank you for the gifts you send me last year. I will put some cookies and a glass of milk for you. Your Frind,

Kristal Marie Hite

Dear Santa, I have been doing good in school. I got all a's on my report card. I hope you are feeling good and your reindeers. I would like a Nintendo 64 with the stape space jam. And a playstation with the tape NFC playcupcs. Love,

Javaris

Dear Santa, I no what I want fo rChristmas I want a new bike and a v.c.r. and a new TV and that is all I want I wanted to ask yo ubow are you doing and your raindeer and Mrs. Cluse I hope your family are doing good. Love,

Stephanie

Dear Santa, I what a new bike and I what a new pair of shows. And a radio And a set of hown puppies. Then I want a new dress. Then I want a sup-er Nintendo. Because a have been so good. I hope you can give me those things. and How have you been because I hope you will be ok so you can give all of th elids all of there toys they want. And how are the reindeers Doing? I hope they are doing good. Love,

Courtney

Dear Santa, I would like a bycycle this year. I want a playstation. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope

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you like it. I hope you are doing good. Most say you are not real; but don't. I would like to see the reindeers? I got A's and B's on my report card. I have been a good boy this year. Love,

Charles Barber

Dear Santa, How have you been this year. I would leave you our best milk and cookies. I've been very good. I would like this year for Christmas is a ke-board and a Nintido 64 a computer a go car play station \$1000 Drum train set showman machine and a gold fish and another computer with a printer and a magnifying glass set a sega C.D. and a really fast up car a I want that do no scratch or bite I want it to be a chalk board a organ a New TV and a V.C.R. and a camera with fine and a fire man truck and a type writer and I want everything what a real gas station has on that play station and on the computers I would like the escores and a helmet and that all what I want for Christmas love your friend, Jamar Belgrave B.

Gove Elementary School

Mrs. Henderson's Class

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I know that it is cold at the North Pole. I know that those elves are working very hard. Santa I only want three things for Christmas. One is a computer because I like to type on it. Another thing is a dream phone, I like to dial on the phone. The last one is a Barbie Doll. Love,

Jamisha Bake

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I hope you are just great! I like Christmas I know about it too. I hope Ms. Claus is doing great because I am. I hope you like oreo cookies and McAuthur milk. I only want four things for Christmas, A sony playstation, a pair of shoes, a basketball, and a sega game. Thank you Santa Claus. Sincerely,

Justin Garrett

Dear Santa, I am a very good girl this year. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I said Hi. Take care on the north pole. I want three things for Christmas, first I want new Roller Blades, Fun and fingernails salon, and the last thing I want is a happy Christmas with my family. Merry Christmas!! Love,

Bibiana Jaimez

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are fine and Mrs. Claus to. I know your elves are working hard to make those wonderful toys for the nice children in the world. Are you doing fine up at the North Pole? Over here it doesn't snow but it's cold. I have never seen snow in my life, I wish to see snow sometime.

I know that you come at night one by one to each house to deliver presents. I want three presents for Christmas. One of the presents is a bike because I always wanted a bike. I want a T.V. so that I could watch my favorite shows. I want another present. I want my family to come together so that I can be with all my family. I wish I could see you Santa Claus. I love you, Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Love,

Giovanna Solano

Dear Santa, I want to see you very much. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? I will leave some choclate cream cookies and milk and there will be some carrots or he reindeers. I would like a remote control car. Also, a C.D. player and a 15 speed bike and that is all I want for Christmas. Sincerely,

Cesar Hervert

Dear Santa. How are you doing on the North Pole? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope she's all right. Tell Mrs. Claus that I said Hello. I know all of your little elves are working hard his Christmas for the boys and girls. All your little elves are getting ready to give all the girls and boys toys. Santa I want a big red barbie car. I want a nintendo with lots of games. I also wanted some ear phones. Love you from,

Amalia Jaimes

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? Say hi to them for me. I hope our reindeer can make it to Florida this year. There are only three things I want for Christmas this year. One thing I would like is a cd player with some CD's. Another thing I want for Christmas is Mystery Mansion a board game the last thing I want for Christmas is a tweety purse. Thank you Santa.

Amanda Lewis

Dear Santa Claus, How are your elves? I know that you're tired making toys. I want a go cart and a low rider bike. How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Come to my house. I will give you ore cookies and a cup of milk for dessert a big fat cheese pie. I have snacks for the reindeers. Thank you,

Issac Sanchez

Dear Santa, It's nice to write to you. How are on and Mrs. Claus? After Christmas please let the elves rest for a while. I will leave you some Christmas and milk. Also I'll leave lettuce and carrots for the reindeer. I'm sure you'll be hungry. This year I only want three things. First I would like to have a tweety bird back pack for school. Also there's a game that goes on your computer it's atyping disc. The third thing is a new pair of tennis shoes. That's all I want this year. Merry Christmas. Thank You,

Haley Meeks



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Dear Santa, How are you and the elves? The reindeer's prancer and Dancer are my favorite. I know you are a busy man Santa but please give me a sega and computer, and some tapes, to go with the games. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love,

Rodney Kelley

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you are doing very good. For Christmas I want 4 things. The first thing is a blue and black blakc. The second thing is a nintendo 64. A radio and a CD player. I wish you come but it's a long trip for you to come all the way to Florida. Love,

David Baker

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